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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A beverage system comprising:

~~one or more~~ a plurality of individual single-serving size portions of concentrate capable of being combined with liquid to make a beverage, said plurality of portions including at least two different types of portions each capable of making a different beverage;

an outer cup capable of serving said beverage;

an inner cup removably disposed within said outer cup, said inner cup containing said plurality of individual single-serving size portions of concentrate; and

a removable lid on said outer cup to contain said inner cup and said plurality of individual single-serving size portions of concentrate.

Claim 2 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions comprise flavored beverage concentrates.

Claim 3 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions comprise flavored soup concentrates.

Claim 4 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions comprise gelatin compositions.

Claim 5 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said outer cup has measuring indicia thereon.

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Claim 6 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said outer cup and said inner cup are formed of a translucent polymer.

Claim 7 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions are translucent.

Claim 8 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions include nutritional supplements.

Claim 9 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions comprise concentrated coffee.

Claim 10 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions comprise concentrated tea.

Claim 11 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions are dissolvable in liquid.

Claim 12 (Original): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said portions are contained in capsules.

Claim 13 (Original): The beverage system of claim 12 wherein said capsules can be opened to allow said portions to be added into said outer cup.

Claim 14 (Original): The beverage system of claim 13 wherein said capsules comprise two halves joined at an area of weakness.

Claim 15 (Original): The beverage system of claim 12 wherein said capsules are dissolvable in liquid.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A method of making a beverage using a beverage system comprising the steps of:

- removing a lid from an outer cup;
- removing an inner cup from within said outer cup;
- withdrawing one or more portions of concentrate from within said inner cup;
- placing said portions in said outer cup;
- adding a liquid to said outer cup with said portions therein; and
- combining said portions and said liquid into said beverage.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The method of making a beverage of claim 16 wherein the step of adding a liquid to said outer cup with said portions therein includes the step of measuring the amount of liquid added with indicia located on said outer cup.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The method of making a beverage of claim 16 wherein the step of combining said portions and said liquid into said beverage includes the step of replacing said lid onto said outer cup to seal said outer cup.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The method of making a beverage of claim 16 wherein the step of combining said portions and said liquid into said beverage includes the step of shaking said outer cup with said portions and said liquid therein.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of making a beverage of claim 16 wherein said portions are contained in capsules.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The method of making a beverage of claim 20 wherein said capsules comprise cellulose encasements.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The beverage system of claim 12 wherein said capsules comprise cellulose encasements.

Claim 23 (New): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said at least two different types of portions each capable of making a different beverage are differently shaped in order to allow differentiation between the portions.

Claim 24 (New): The beverage system of claim 1 wherein said lid has a first configuration when secured to said outer cup that prevents the beverage from exiting the outer cup via the pour spout and a second configuration when secured to said outer cup that permits the beverage to exit the outer cup via the spout, said lid being rotatable relative to said outer cup between the configuration permitting the beverage to exit said outer cup and the configuration preventing the beverage from exiting said outer cup.

Claim 25 (New) A beverage system comprising:

a plurality of capsules each containing an individual single-serving size portion of flavored beverage concentrate capable of being combined with liquid to make a beverage, said plurality of capsules including at least two different capsules containing different portions of flavored beverage concentrates capable of making different beverages, the at least two different capsules being visually distinguishable;

an outer cup having a bottom wall and a side wall defining an opening opposite the bottom wall, said outer cup being capable of serving said beverage, formed of a translucent polymer having measuring indicia thereon, and having a pour spout disposed in the sidewall and adjacent the opening;

an inner cup having a bottom wall and a sidewall defining an opening opposite the bottom wall, said inner cup being removably disposed within said outer cup, said inner cup containing said plurality of capsules; and

a removable lid disposed on said outer cup to contain said inner cup and said plurality of capsules, said lid having a first configuration when secured to said outer cup that prevents the beverage from exiting the outer cup via the pour spout and a second configuration when secured to said outer cup that permits the beverage to exit the outer cup via the spout, said lid being rotatable relative to said outer cup between the

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